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A summary of recent news stories from the University of California, San Francisco

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News for You

New Clues in Hypertension Mystery

The results of a preliminary study by UCSF researchers at the UCSF-affiliated VA Medical Center could help solve a long-standing medical mystery: why control of high blood pressure helps prevent patient stroke or kidney failure but apparently fails to cut the risk of heart attack.

The answer appears to be that many of the 40 million Americans with hypertension may suffer undetected heart disease before beginning blood pressure treatment.

Julio F. Tubau, UCSF assistant professor of medicine, and a team of investigators used a special photographic technique involving radioactive thallium to detect signs of coronary heart disease in four of 48 patients with mild or moderate hypertension. These same patients registered normal on an electrocardiogram, a routine screening test for heart disease.

In another study, UCSF researchers Theodore Kurtz, chief of the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory in the Medical Center, and Curtis Morris, Jr., director of the General Clinical Research Center, have found that a genetically obese rat—the "Zucker rat"—provides an ideal animal model for studying a possible link between obesity and hypertension. As many as half of all obese people suffer from hypertension, yet the reasons remain unclear.

One recently suggested possibility is that the obese have a decreased sensitivity to insulin. Ironically, the Zucker rat, named for the husband-wife team who discovered it several decades ago, has long been studied as model for the relationship between obesity and non-insulin dependent diabetes, the kind of diabetes that typically appears in adults.

David Powers

Theodore Kurtz and Curtis Morris,Jr.

Laurel Heights Research Safe

In a decision handed down December 1, the California Supreme Court has upheld the UC Regent's conclusion that research planned by the UCSF School of Pharmacy for the Laurel Heights campus is safe. The move of the School into its new building has been held up for the past 2 1/2 years by a suit brought by the Laurel Heights Improvement Association.

The primary thrust of the Association's suit was that the research planned for that campus would endanger the community because of the use of minute qualities of radioactive and toxic materials in research, and particularly because of laboratory emissions into the atmosphere.

In its decision the Court declared, "There is substantial evidence to support the Regents' finding that the potential environmental effects of the project . . . will be mitigated."

It found no evidence that UCSF has had any adverse effect on health. It ruled that UCSF may continue its present activities at Laurel Heights while we prepare another EIR. And it lifted the stay which precluded researchers at Laurel Heights from using any radioactive materials.

However, the Supreme Court did find that the Environmental Impact Report is inadequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is requiring the University to prepare a new EIR which would include additional information on two issues: 1) a fuller discussion of project alternatives and 2) the future possible uses, and measures to alleviate any environmental effects of such future uses, for the rest of the Laurel Heights building when it becomes vacant.

The University intends to carry out the Court's requirement that a new EIR be prepared as expeditiously as possible. Preparation will include an exploration of all alternatives for this project and an acceleration of our planning process to determine the various possible uses for the rest of the Laurel Heights building when it becomes vacant, and will include public hearings and communications required under CEQA.

Worms in Your Sushi? Blame It on the Seals

Sushi lovers should be on the lookout for worm-infested fish, which can cause a serious intestinal ailment called anisakiasis.

The parasitic worms are easily identifiable in raw fish, with salmon and Pacific snapper the most commonly implicated in transmitting the disease. Thoroughly cooking or freezing the fish kills the worms.

About 50 cases of anisakiasis have been confirmed to date in the United States, but misdiagnoses have probably hidden the true number of cases, says UCSF parasitologist James H. McKerrow. Symptoms mimic those of stomach ulcers, stomach or intestinal cancer, or Crohn's disease. And in some cases, patients thought to have appendicitis have been scheduled for surgery before the correct diagnosis was made.

The incidence of anisakiasis has risen recently because of the shift of eating habits toward raw or lightly cooked fish, combined with the growing population of marine mammals in the Pacific—a result of the Marine Mammal Protection Act enacted in 1972. The worms thrive in mammals such as dolphins, seals, sea lions and elephant seals, which pass along the parasites to game fish when they expel the worm eggs into the open sea. So, watch your sushi!

In Brief

Genetic Counseling

Pregnant women who do not speak English now can turn to a new service at San Francisco General Hospital that provides prenatal genetic counseling and testing.

The program, part of the UCSF Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reprodcutive Sciences, is for patients with Hispanic, Chinese, Filipino, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, Polish and Ethiopian backgrounds.

Translators trained as genetic aides present information in culturally sensitive ways.

For more information, call 821-3133.

Agnos Says Thanks

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos recently sent a letter of thanks to Thomas Gwyn, UCSF Assistant Chancellor of Public Service Programs. The full text of that letter follows:

"Thank you for your letter of October 15 advising me of UCSF's responsive and generous donation of office space at your Laurel Heights campus for the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic (HAFMC).

"The tragic arson fire, which destroyed the Thrifty Jr. Drug Store under construction, badly damaged the HAFMC and burned out over 60 persons from their homes, threatened more than the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. This lawless act threatened the City's reputation for tolerance and civility.

"Therefore, it is particularly heartening to me that UCSF quickly responded to the needs of the community in a spirit of neighborliness and compassion.

Again, I commend your generous offer of assistance and send my sincere expressions of appreciation."

Sports Injuries

The Sports Injury Program's recent affiliation with UCSF's new Surgery Center means that athletes now have access to state-of-the-art facilities while undergoing treatment as outpatients.

Although all kinds of sports-related injuries are treated, UCSF specializes in knee and shoulder ailments, says orthopedic surgeon W. Dilworth Cannon, who heads the program. For more information, call 476-2852.

Special Parking Rates

Special reduced-rate parking permits now are being made available to UCSF neighbors living near the Parnassus and Laurel Heights campuses. For $4.25 per month, or $51 per year, drivers can park in either the Millberry Union garage at 500 Parnassus or the lot at 3333 California Street during the evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and all day on weekends.

Permits are issued on a fiscal-year basis (July 1-June 30) or pro-rated from the time of purchase. A $20 deposit also is required for the plastic card control. The permit is transferrable, so it can be used by guests.

For those not interested in monthly or yearly parking permits, the parking lot at 3333 California Street and at 5th Avenue and Kirkham (behind the School of Dentistry) also is open to the public during the same evening hours and on weekends for only 50 cents.

For further information, call 476-2566.

More News for You

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What's happening

January/February 1989
A bimonthly calendar of
events at UC-San Franc

UCSF-Laurel Heights Events

All events held at 3333 California St. Auditorium. Free parking available.

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 25-26
75 Years of Caring for Children. Scientific symposium celebrating UCSF Department of Pediatrics 75th anniversary. For more information call 476-9181.

Musical Panoramas:
Just About All Jazz. UCSF Arts & Lectures Six-Part Concert Series. 8 p.m. $10 general; $8 UCSF faculty & staff; $7 seniors, Millberry Union members & non-UCSF students; $48 series ticket. Call 476-2035 for ticket information, 476-2542 for concert information.

Fri., Jan. 13
Vibraharpist Bobby Hutcherson & Quartet.

Fri., Feb. 3
Saxophonist Richie Cole & his Alto Madness Quintet.

Community Health Talks:
A series of free lecture/discussions held on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Call 476-3206 for further information.

Jan. 18
Sickle Cell Anemia: What We Know Today About Diagnosis & Treatment.

Feb. 22
Heart Transplants: Who Needs One?

Mar. 15
Behavioral Medicine: Health, Illness, Behavior & Emotions.

Brown Bag Lectures

All lectures are free and held on Wednesdays at noon in Rm. 300 Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus. For further information call 476-4394.

Jan. 4
Your Financial Guidelines for 1989 & Beyond.

Jan. 11
Space Science: What Are We Doing & Where Are We Going?

Jan. 18
UCSF Leadership's Role in Fulfilling Martin Luther King's Vision of Fostering Minority Excellence. (Also see Martin Luther King Week Events.)

Jan. 25
From Uptight to All Right! Strategies to Avoid Stress.

Feb. 1
Sugar Blues: Should We Worry About It in Our Diet?

Feb. 8
Osteoporosis: The Exercise Factor.

Feb. 15
Self-Observation: Mindfulness & Mindlessness in Everyday Life.

Feb. 22
Full Esteem Ahead: Empowering Yourself for Personal Success.

Special Events

Tues., Jan. 17
Treating the Young Male Victim of Sexual Assault. Children's counselor Eugene Porter. Sponsored by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute Auditorium, 401 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 24
Campus Blood Drive. Personal identification is requested. Blood may be given in Millberry Union main lounge, 500 Parnassus, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or mezzanine level, School of Nursing Bldg. (enter through 513 Parnassus) from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 476-4013.

Thurs., Feb. 2
Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture for the Public Understanding of Science: Who Goes First? The Story of Self-Experimentation in Medicine. Lawrence K. Altman, medical correspondent, *New York Times*; associate professor, medicine, New York University. Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus. 3 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 10
Associated Students Talent Extravaganza. A benefit for children born with AIDS, the show features the varied talents of UCSF students, faculty and staff. Neighborhood merchants who would like to donate raffle prizes please call 476-2010. Millberry Union gym, 500 Parnassus. 6 p.m. $4 in advance, $5 at door. Call 476-2010.

Thurs., Feb. 16
William K. Hamilton Distinguished Lecture: Making Health Policy—Players, Rules, Issues. Samuel O. Thier, president, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus. 4 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 25
Health Fair at Mission Neighborhood Health Center. Free examinations & information focusing on health education, disease prevention & safety for adults & children. Sponsored by UCSF Chicanos/Latinos in Health Education. 240 Shotwell at 16th St. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call Lisa Guerra, 759-7846.

Low Vision Programs

Saturday events for the blind and visually impaired at the UCSF Clinical Eye Research Center, 374 Parnassus, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call Frances Neer at 626-5313.

Jan. 7
Products for People Losing Their Sight. Display & discussion with Lori Castner, Lighthouse for the Blind.

Jan. 21
Prisoners Who Read & Record Material for the Blind. Discussion with journalist Susan Sobel-Feldman.

Jan. 28
John Muir National Historic Site, Martinez. Docent tour with transportation by SF Recreation & Parks Dept. Call 626-5313 for reservations.

Teens & Health Series

A series of free lecture/discussions held on Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. in Rm. 302 Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus. Free parking available. Call 476-3206 for further information.

Jan. 26
Teen Suicide & Depression.

Feb. 16
Overweight Children & Teens: Steering Children Toward Leanness.

Mar. 30
Talking with Teens about Sex & Its Consequences: Sexually Transmitted Diseases, AIDS & Pregnancy.

King Week/Black Heritage Month

UCSF commemorates the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 9-13, and celebrates our black heritage throughout the month of February. For a complete listing of events call Marguarite Vall, 476-4239.

Tues., Jan. 10
In Remembrance of Martin. Video documentary on Dr. King's life & work. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. Noon.

Wed., Jan. 18
UCSF Leadership's Role in Fulfilling Martin Luther King's Vision of Fostering Minority Excellence. Anthony G. Wagner, director, Laguna Honda Hospital. Rm. 300 Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus. Noon.

Tues., Feb. 7
Minority Women On Campuses: An Endangered Species? Margaret Wilkerson, UC-Berkeley professor of Afro-American Studies. Rm. 302 Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 10
Jackie Torrence. Master storyteller. Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 21
She's Dark, but She's Pretty: Shades of Beauty in Afro-American Women's Literature. Barbara Christian, UC-Berkeley professor of Afro-American & Ethnic Studies. Rm. 302 Health Sciences West, enter through 513 Parnassus. Noon.

Senior Health Talks

Free lectures by UCSF staff geared to senior citizens. For further information call 476-3206.

Mon., Jan. 9
Music Therapy. Montefiore Senior Center, 3200 California St. 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 23
Memory Loss. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore. 11 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 30
Communication with Your Doctor. Beth Shalome Kosher Nutrition Program, 320-15th Ave. 11:45 a.m.

Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday programs to acquaint new & prospective volunteers with opportunities available in the Medical Center at UCSF. For further information call 476-1196.

Jan. 3
Rm. 336 Health Sciences East, enter through 513 Parnassus. 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 24
Rm. 169 Moffitt Hospital, 505 Parnassus. 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 7
Rm. 423 Nursing building, enter through 521 Parnassus. 1-3 p.m.

Feb. 21
Rm. 213 Clinical Sciences building, 521 Parnassus. 6-8 p.m.

Campus Tours

All tours are free and take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28. Meet in the lobby of Medical Sciences building, 513 Parnassus. For further information call 476-4394.

Breast Cancer Screening

Women can have low-cost mammograms—x-rays to screen for breast cancer—from a mobile van that travels to convenient shopping or downtown Bay Area locations. Women need the approval of their physicians to have the mammogram. The procedure takes approximately 20 minutes and costs $50. To make an appointment call 990-0459 or 476-2193 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The van will be at the following locations during January and February:

Jan. 3-6
Richmond district, on 7th Ave. between Geary & Clement. (Jan. 2 is a holiday.)

Jan. 9
1st Nationwide Bank, Sierra Vista Ave., Daly City.

Jan. 10-13
Westlake Shopping Center, on Park Plaza Dr. near Safeway.

Jan. 17-20
1st Nationwide Bank, 3rd St. between Mission & Market. (Jan. 16 is a holiday.)

Jan. 23-27
Marina Green, in the parking lot near Buchanan & Marina Blvd.

Jan. 30-Feb. 3
UCSF-Laurel Heights, in the parking lot at 3333 California St.

Feb. 6-10
Embarcadero, on Drumm St. between Sacramento & Clay.

Feb. 13-17
Taraval St. between 17th & 18th Aves.

Feb. 21-24
Diamond Heights Blvd. near the Safeway. (Feb. 20 is a holiday.)

Feb. 27-Mar. 3
Sunset district, on Irving St. between 25th & 26th Aves.

Women's Programs

For locations & further information call UCSF Women's Resource Center, 476-5836. For more women's events see Martin Luther King Week/Black Heritage Month.

Events

Tues., Jan. 24
Abortion & the Politics of Motherhood. Sociologist Kristin Luker. Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus. Noon-1 p.m.

Workshops

Held in Rm. 130, Clinical Sciences Bldg., 521 Parnassus. Pre-registration required. Fees on sliding scale.

Sat., Jan. 21
Choice or Chance? Career Strategies for Women at Midlife. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 28
Feeding the Hungry Soul: Wholistic Recovery from Compulsive Overeating. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

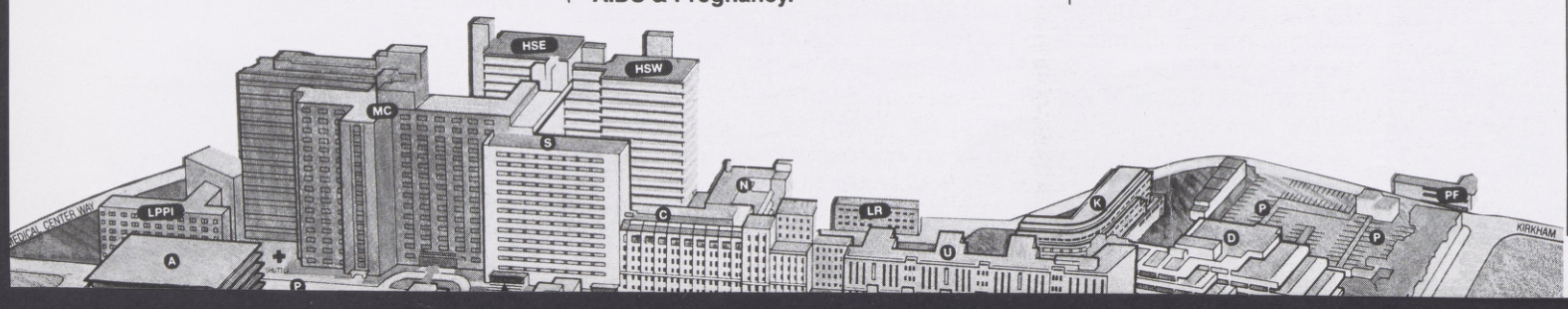
Sat., Feb. 11
Coming Out: For Women New to Woman-Loving Identity. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 27
No More Stares: Unlearning Disability Stereotypes & Assumptions. 5-8 p.m.

Art Exhibits

Hospitals Auxiliary Exhibit: On display for the month of January in the lobby of Moffitt/Long Hospitals, 505 Parnassus, will be oil paintings, watercolors, framed acrylics, prints and black & white photography. On display during February will be framed watercolors, oils, color photography, collage & shadowgram photographs. A portion of all proceeds benefits patients at the Medical Center at UCSF. To purchase or reserve work, visit the Auxiliary Office, Rm. 182, Moffitt Hospital, 505 Parnassus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or call 476-4906.

Faculty/Alumni House Exhibit: Pastel art by Elizabeth George on display through Feb. 28. Faculty/Alumni House, 745 Parnassus. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 476-4723.



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Outdoors Unlimited

Located on Parnassus Ave., street level in the University Hospital Bldg. between 3rd and 4th Ave., Outdoors Unlimited offers outdoor adventures for the neighborhood and campus community. Sign up for activities from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m., Monday & Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday. Required for most events is two-week advance registration and attendance at pre-trip meetings or classes held in Milberry Union, 500 Parnassus. For further information and a free brochure listing all events call 476-2078.

Tues., Jan. 10
Annual Rafters' Meeting. OU Center. 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 24
Welcome to Outdoors Unlimited! Introduction to OU's resources & services. OU Center. 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 25
Annual Kayakers Meeting. OU Center. 7:30 p.m.

Ski Season:
OU offers weekend trips, classes & clinics for both beginners & experienced skiers. Cross-country, downhill, telemark & snow shelter skills are taught at sites in Tahoe & Lassen all winter long. For more information call 476-2078.

Recreation & Fitness

Over 100 classes for the active and the inactive person. Classes include aerobics, weight management, dance, yoga, massage, golf, tennis and much more! Winter quarter registration begins Mon., Jan. 9, for Millberry Union members, Jan. 10 for the public, at Millberry Union central desk, 500 Parnassus. For further information and a free brochure listing all classes call 476-1800.

Cole Hall Cinema

All films are shown on Thursdays & Fridays in Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus. Children under 14 $2; UCSF students, seniors, & Millberry Union members $2.50; general $3. Call 476-2571.

Thurs., Jan. 5, 5:45 & 7:45 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 6, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

Thurs., Jan. 12, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 13, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Die Hard.

Thurs., Jan. 19, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 20, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Midnight Run.

Thurs., Jan. 26, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 27, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Dead Ringers.

Thurs., Feb. 2, 5:45 & 8 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3, 6:30 & 8:45 p.m.
Crossing Delancey.

Thurs., Feb. 9, 5:45 & 8:15 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Gorillas in the Mist.

Thurs., Feb. 16, 5:45 & 8 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17, 6:30 & 8:15 p.m.
A World Apart.

Thurs., Feb. 23, 5:45 & 8 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 24, 6:30 & 8:15 p.m.
Tucker: A Man & His Dream.

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There was no time to absorb the shock of the news. Charlie needed to go to UCSF immediately.

A struggle won. A boy saved.

In his two-and-a half years, Charles Scott Katzakian, Jr. had barely had a cold, never had the flu, and was so lucky as to survive a fall down 13 stairs without even a bruise. His parents—like most parents of healthy children—took his health for granted. So when a rash suddenly appeared on Charlie's lower legs and back one day in October 1983, they were concerned, but not really worried.

Over the next couple of weeks, their attitude changed. Charlie began to bruise easily and complain about not feeling well.

The complaints and the bruises worsened until, one night, their combined force sent him screaming through the house in pain. Charles and Brenda Katzakian rushed him to the emergency room in Lodi. The emergency room doctor was concerned and insisted that Charlie see his family doctor the next day.

The Katzakians complied. A blood test told the story. Charlie probably had leukemia.

There was no time to absorb the shock of the news. Charlie needed to go to UC-San Francisco immediately to have the diagnosis confirmed and, if so, to begin treatment. After a tense, two-hour drive from Lodi to UCSF's Moffitt/Long Hospitals, followed by several examinations and a painful bone marrow test, Brenda and her husband felt their emotional equanimity slipping away.

Dr. Seymour Zoger, one of UCSF's team of pediatric oncologists skilled in the treatment of leukemia and other cancers, gave the Katzakians the test results. Charlie definitely had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. As bad as the diagnosis was, it was not an automatic death sentence. Charlie could be cured, Zoger reassured them. But treatment had to begin right away.

There were two basic choices—standard treatment or an ongoing clinical research study, one of many such cancer protocols at UCSF done in conjunction with the Children's Cancer Study Group, an organization of pediatric oncology specialists at 30 medical centers nationwide. The Katzakians opted to join the research study. As part of that study, Charlie was placed on a modified course of chemotherapy.

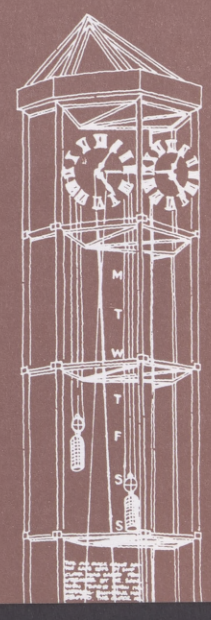
Less than a month later, Dr. Zoger gave them good news. Charlie was in remission. But the chemotherapy had to continue.

For the next three years, Charlie made frequent trips from Lodi to UCSF. There were many tough periods. Radical mood swings. Panic when his blood cell count dropped. Fear of fevers. Fear of relapse. Sores on his mouth, stomach and intestines. Loss of hair. Painful eating. Overeating. Waffles and maalox. And literally hundreds of shots, some of which, because they were given in the thigh, made his legs too painful to walk.

Trying to explain the pain, trying to be strong when they felt weak, and simply trying to be happy on the good days were all-consuming tasks for the rest of the family. To fight off the depression that sometimes threatened, Brenda remembered what the doctor had told her—that a child with cancer could not be strong if the mother were not. And if Charlie were not strong, he could die. That was enough.

Fortunately for Charlie, the drugs matched his mother's strength. While chemotherapy at UCSF kept the cancer cells at bay, he did the rest. Now, two years after his treatment ended, there are still no signs of cancer. Charlie is thriving again. And Brenda is not afraid to smile anymore. *—Jeff Miller*

David Powers



To Our Neighbors

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More News for You

Cancer Cluster Called into Question in Public Health Report

A report issued recently by the San Francisco Department of Public Health indicated a stastical increase in the number of childhood cancer cases in Noe/Eureka Valley, but declared this could be a chance finding.

Investigations of "cancer clusters" rarely identify the possible environmental cause, especially in non-occupational settings, the report stated. Further, the slight excess number of cancers indicated in Noe/Eureka Valley showed more than one kind of cancer and, therefore, the report stated, a single environmental exposure was unlikely to be the cause.

In the Haight area, immediately adjacent to the campus, there were no statistically significant excesses in cancer cases.

Several stories in the San Francisco Chronicle quoted speculation by some residents of Noe/Eureka Valley that emissions from UCSF might be the cause of the "cluster." Other residents speculated the cancers were caused by "microwaves" from Sutro Tower.There is no evidence that anything being emitted from UCSF is responsible for the cancer cases. According to Vice Chancellor Bruce Spaulding, an ongoing campus study appears to show that most UCSF emissions are so small that they cannot be measured in the community. The study also shows that the predominant wind from the campus does not blow southeast over Noe/Eureka Valley.

If the Department of Health decides further study is warranted, the campus will cooperate in any way it can, says Spaulding.

Stop Smoking Guide Goes National

A stop-smoking guide printed in Spanish has been produced by UCSF's Program Latino para Dejar de Fumar (Hispanic Smoking Cessation Project).

The 36-page booklet, called the *Guia para Dejar de Fumar* (Quit Smoking Guide), presents health problems caused by smoking and common techniques smokers use to quit.

For a free copy, call Cancer Information Service of California at 1-800-4-CANCER.

Below are those who wrote and helped produce the guide (left to right) Fabio Sabogal, Leticia Medina, Eliseo Perez-Stable, Barbara Marin, Regina Otero-Sabogal, Francisco Espinoza and Sylvia Correro.

Mikkel Aaland

Pediatrics Celebrates

UCSF's world-renowned Department of Pediatrics is celebrating "75 Years of Caring for Children" with several events in this, the 1988-89, academic year. On the weekend of February 25-26, an anniversary symposium at Laurel Heights will feature faculty presentations on topics ranging from pediatric AIDS and prenatal diagnosis to delayed adolescence and respiratory distress syndrome—the cure for which was discovered at UCSF. A black-tie dinner dance in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Nikko will follow the close of the Saturday session.

Last November's Children and Family Health Fair at UCSF also was held in conjunction with the department's anniversary.

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